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DEPARTMENT PASS WHITE HOUSE

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: COMMUNIQUE

1. FMG HAS REQUESTED MEETING WITH EMBASSY AT 1100 WEDNESDAY MARCH 29 TO DISCUSS THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AND HAS PROPOSED THAT WE EXCHANGE FIRST DRAFTS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28. WE HAVE DRAFTED THE TEXT CONTAINED IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS SOONEST POSSIBLE REGARDING EXTENT TO WHICH YOU MAY WISH US INCORPORATE ANY OF THIS VERSION IN YOUR TEXT.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: AT THE INVITATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY LT. GENERAL OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, HEAD OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, PRESDIENT JIMMY CARTER OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PAID A STATE VISIT TO NIGERIA FROM MARCH 31 TO APRIL 3, 1978.

3. THE TWO HEADS OF STATE EXCHANGED VIEWS ON MAJOR INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL CONCERN, THEY DISCUSSED IN PARTICULAR DETAIL THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND CONFIDENTIAL

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THE HORN OF AFRICA.

4. CONCERNING ZIMBABWE THE HEADS OF STATE REAFFIRMED THEIR DEDICATION TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION BASED ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN WHICH WILL INCLUDE AGREEMENT ON AN INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION THAT PROVIDES FOR MAJORITY ROLE UNDER A DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT, THE ABOLITON OF DISCRIMINATION, AND THE PROTECTION

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OF INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS.

5. THE TWO HEADS OF STATE CONDEMNED THE APARTHEID SYSTEM IN SOUTH AFRICA AS DENYING BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITY FOR ALL PEOPLE IN THAT COUNTRY.

6. THEY ALSO REVIEWED THE STATUS OF THE CONSULTATIONS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO PROMOTE A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE THROUGH FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA, AND THEY URGED THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN THESE CONSULTATIONS TO WORK TOWARD EARLY AGREEMENT.

7. REVIEWING THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, THE TWO HEADS OF STATE EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION THAT HOSTILITIES HAD CEASED AND REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR AFRICAN SOLUTIONS TO AFRICAN PROBLEMS. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR HOPE THAT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING IN LAGOS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE OAU GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA.

8. THE TWO HEADS OF STATE EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR INCREASED COOPERATION BETWEEN NIGERIA AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE AREAS OF TRADE, INVESTMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. THEY AGREED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR TWO GOVERNMENTS SHOULD MEET LATER THIS MONTH IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS FURTHER MEASURES FOR COOPERATION IN THESE FIELDS IN SUPPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL

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NIGERIA'S ECONOMIC GROWTH. IN THIS CONNECTION THEY STRESSED THE ROLE OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION AND AN EXPANSION OF JOINT ACTIVITIES IN EDUCATION.

9. THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE, UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL ADVISOR ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS RICHARD MOOSE, AND A TEAM OF SENIOR OFFICIALS.

10. THE HEAD OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE FMG)

11. DONE AT LAGOS, THIS SECOND DAY OF APRIL, 1978

12. LT. GENERAL OLUSEGUN OBASANJO.
HEAD OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVT
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED
FORCES OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
NIGERIA.

13. JIMMY CARTER

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PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
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